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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR DELIVERY OF A-4 AIRCRAFT

TO KUWAIT

REF: ANKARA 3134, DTG 261300Z APR 77 (NOTAL)

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO HANDLES AIR CLEARANCE MATTERS (DUMLU) CALLED EMBOFF MAY 2 TO ASK WHETHER USG WOULD CONSIDER GOT GRANTING OF OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE TO BE "HELPFUL" IN FERRYING A-4S TO KUWAIT. DUMLU NOTED THAT KUWAITI AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN IN DAILY CONTACT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE APRIL 24 DEMARCHE (ANKARA 3076, NOTAL), AND THAT GOT DOES NOT WISH TO GET IN A BIND WITH THE KUWAITIS OVER THE A-4 PROGRAM. HOWEVER, DUMLU CONTINUED, TO GRANT OVERFLIGHT AND REPEAT AND TRANSFER AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCIRLIK AS USG ORIGINALLY REQUESTED WOULD ESTABLISH
"POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE PRECEDENT." DUMLU ASLO SAID IT WOULD BE
"POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE" DUE TO UNSETTLED STATE OF USTURKISH DEFENSE RELATIONS AND FACT THAT INCIRLIK IS, ACCORDING TO
GOT, UNDER "PROVISIONAL STATUS" AS RESULT OF U.S. CONGRESSIONALLYMANDATED ARMS TRANSFER LIMITATIONS PLACED ON TURKEY. CONSEQUENTLY, DUMLU CONCLUDED, ALL GOT CAN OFFER IN THE WAY OF

## HELP IS OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE.

2. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER OVERFLIGHT ONLY WILL BE HELPFUL IN A-4 TRANSFER PROGRAM AND WHETHER WE SHOULD AMEND OUR REQUEST TO THE GOT.

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